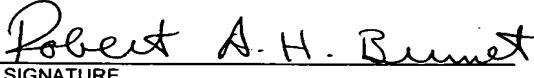


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/CA2004/000339	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 03/05/2004	U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 60/451,666 <b>107521804</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION Conservation Tillage Implement, System and Method		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US SALFORD FARM MACHINERY LTD. ET AL.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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Applicant/Patent Owner: Jacobus A. Rozendaal, Philip M. O'Grady, James F. Boak, John M. Averink and Geof J. Gray

Application No./Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Filed/Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Entitled: Conservation Tillage Implement, System and Method

Salford Farm Machinery Ltd., a corporation  
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Robert A. H. Brunet

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2. Declaration for Utility Patent Application
3. Copy of PCT Request
4. Copy of Specification with Description (22 pages), Claims (6 pages), Abstract (1 page) and Drawings (13 sheets)
5. Preliminary Amendment
6. Power of Attorney of Jacobus A. Rozendaal
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11. Power of Attorney of Salford Farm Machinery Ltd.
12. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b)
13. Associate Power of Attorney
14. Letter to Assignment Division with Recordation Cover Sheet, Power of Attorney of Assignee, Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b), Notarized Copy of Assignment.
15. Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO-1449) with cited references
16. U.S. Money Order in the amount of \$540.00

We look forward to receiving confirmation of the filing of this application and assignment in due course.

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Sincerely,  
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